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Gentlemen:

As agreed to in the May 22, 1991 meeting concerning Operable Unit No. 2 Woman Creek Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action Plan (IM/IRAP), we have begun preparation of the Draft IM/IRAP. Preparation of the IM/IRAP document is beginning while we finalize the schedule. Streamlining of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) actions will be attempted with DOE Headquarters. We expect to submit the detailed schedule and milestones by June 12, 1991 that will cover the time period through "phase I" construction.

The basis for starting IM/IRAP document preparation now is the lack of flow in the 903 Pad area seeps with sufficient radionuclide activity to conduct bench scale testing. As agreed in the meeting, we will not conduct bench scale testing but rather characterize the nature of radionuclide contamination in the 903 Pad area seeps. This characterization will evaluate whether or not the radionuclides are truly "dissolved" or just a result of improper sampling of these low-flow seeps.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Grace of my staff at 966-7199.

Sincerely,

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